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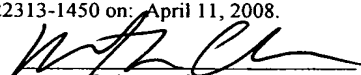
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Dana Craig Bookbinder, et al
Filed : March 24, 2004
Title : METHODS FOR PROTECTING SILICA-CONTAINING
ARTICLE AND INHIBITING BREAKS DURING DRAWING
OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE
PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.